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Hello

Please do NOT ban natural gas.

I heard WA SBCC is considering proposals to the state commercial energy code that will severely affect businesses and the economy in Washington by restricting energy choice, driving up building and energy costs and forcing a reliance solely on electricity for energy needs.

- The UTC study has not been completed to know if the electrical infrastructure can handle the additional load.
- Natural Gas is a clean energy source. Europe has deemed Natural Gas as "Clean".
- With a potential world war before us, removing an energy source is not good policy.
- Energy costs will rise if natural gas is eliminated.
- Consumers prefer energy choice.
- There is natural gas burning equipment that is high efficiency and should be considered before removing an energy source.
- The costs to consumers will be extensive and any new residential building costs will rise \$20k putting some buyers out of range to purchase.
- The fiscal note may be low but the cost to consumers will be insurmountable.

Thank you for your consideration

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